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RESPONSE A

Dear Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for the time and consideration given during the telephone interviews of November 8, and December 4, 2001. In the telephone interviews, the requirements for entering the U.S. National Phase by filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371, and the consequences of not including formal drawings with the application, was discussed. The Examiner suggested that further discussions on the subject be conducted with Ms. Cecelia Tang if additional clarification about § 371 filing requirements was in order. In conversations with Ms. Tang on November 8, and